

PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Christopher Voice et al. Examiner: Shin Hon Chen
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AUTHENTICATION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2009, Applicants petition for a one month extension of time, submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following Preliminary Amendment:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.